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TAGS: PGOV, PINS, PFOR, WB, GE, GW

SUBJECT: FORMER GDR RESIDENTS PREVENTED FROM VISITING EAST BERLIN

1. BERLIN PRESS REPORTED TODAY (JAN.18) THAT OVER WEEKEND, GDR GUARDS TURNED BACK TOTAL OF EIGHTEEN FORMER RESIDENTS OF EAST GERMANY WHEN THEY SOUGHT TO VISIT EAST BERLIN FROM WEST BERLIN. ALL WERE PERSONS WHO, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORT, HAD LEGALLY EMIGRATED TO WEST BERLIN OR WEST GERMANY. THIS WAS UNUSUALLY HIGH NUMBER FOR SUCH A LIMITED PERIOD.

2. SENAT CHANCELLERY CHIEF HERZ TOLD MISOFF THAT SENAT WAS EXAMINING THESE CASES BUT THAT HE WAS INCLINED TO BELIEVE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE NOT EXACTLY AS DEPICTED IN PRESS. SENAT VISITS COMMISSIONER KUNZE, WHO PRESUMABLY WILL BE CHARGED WITH RAISING MATTER WITH EAST GERMAN COMMISSIONER MITDANK, DENIED ALL KNOWLEDGE OF INCIDENTS

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WHEN ASKED ABOUT THEM BY MISOFF.

3. COMMENT: DIFFICULT TO JUDGE WHETHER THESE INCIDENTS, ASSUMING THEY ARE CORRECTLY DESCRIBED IN PRESS, REPRESENT ONLY ISOLATED INSTANCES OF "GET TOUGH" ATTITUDE OR STEM FROM BASIC POLICY DECISION TO DENY FORMER EAST GERMAN RESIDENTS ACCESS TO EAST BERLIN

AND GDR. END COMMENT.

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